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Letter dated 12 March 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 12 March 1991 by a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan concerning the elections held in El Salvador on 10 March 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 28, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 12 March 1991 by a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan concerning elections in El Salvador

The Government of Japan welcomes the elections for members of the National Congress and local legislatures that were held on 10 March in a quiet and peaceful atmosphere in El Salvador, a country that has been beset with hostilities between the Government and the Farabundo Martí Front for National Liberation (FMLN) for more than 10 years. Recognizing the importance of these elections, and at the invitation of the Government of El Salvador, the Government sent four officials to serve as election observers.

It is the sincere hope of the Government of Japan that the elections will give further impetus to the dialogue between the parties concerned and to the restoration of peace throughout the country as soon as possible.

In view of this encouraging development, the Government of Japan has decided to send a survey mission to El Salvador on 21 and 22 March 1991 in order to determine which kind of cooperation it might best extend for the country's economic and social development.